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(Amended) A rake comprising:

a first rake part, having a handle with a longitudinal axis, a first rake head section connected to one end of the handle and a tubular member adjacent and parallel to a rear portion of a side wall of the first rake head section for receiving the one end of the handle; and

a second, separate, rake part, having a second rake head section wherein the second rake part has a semi-cylindrical member attached to the second rake head section, said semi-cylindrical member being sized and positioned to cover, and fit onto, the tubular member and at least one portion of the handle when the first and second rake parts are connected together;

cooperating connecting means on both rake parts to detachably connect the second rake part to the first rake part to have the first and second rake head sections side-by-side forming a full-size, rake head at the one end of the handle; and

the connected rake parts forming the rake for use to rake debris into a pile, the detached rake parts being useful to grasp between them and transfer the pile of debris

3. A rake as claimed in claim 2, wherein the semi-cylindrical member forms a handle for the second rake part when the first and second rake parts are detached.

4. A rake as claimed in claim 3, wherein the cooperating connecting means comprises a semi-circular rib formed on an inner surface of the semi-circular member, said rib being positioned and sized to snap over a portion of the handle just above the tubular member of the first rake part.

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5. A rake as claimed in claim 4, wherein the cooperating connecting means also comprises a hook on the first rake part and an opening on the second rake part, the hook passing through the opening to abut the second rake part and thus connect the parts together.

6. A rake as claimed in claim 5, wherein the hook and opening are spaced apart laterally from the longitudinal axis of the handle when the rake parts are connected together, the hook abutting on the second rake part and thus preventing rotation of the second rake part clockwise about the first rake part.

7. A rake as claimed in claim 6, wherein said rake also comprises:
abutment means for preventing rotation of the second rake part clockwise about the first rake part when the parts are connected together.

8. A rake as claimed in claim 7, wherein:
the first rake part has a base with an inner side wall having a bottom and a flange extending laterally from the bottom of the inner side wall;

the second rake part has a base with an inner side wall having a bottom edge;
said inner side walls abutting when the parts are connected together with the bottom edge of the inner side wall of the second rake part resting on the flange to form the abutment means, the bottom edge of the inner side wall of said second rake part being spaced apart from the longitudinal axis of the rake handle on the side of the rake where is located the first rake part when the parts are connected together.

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9. A rake as claimed in claim 8, wherein said rake further comprises:
aligning means on the rake parts to align said rake parts longitudinally when
connected together.

9.4 ~~9.10~~ (Amended) A rake as claimed in claim ~~9~~, wherein the inner side walls of
the first and second rake parts are complementary and abut when the rake parts are connected
together, thereby forming the aligning means.


11. A rake as claimed in claim 2, wherein the cooperating connecting means
comprises a hook on the first rake part and an opening on the second rake part, the hook passing
through the opening to abut the second rake part and thus connect the parts together.

12. A rake as claimed in claim 11, wherein the hook and opening are spaced
apart laterally from the longitudinal axis of the handle when the rake parts are connected
together, the hook abutting on the second rake part and thus preventing rotation of the second
rake part clockwise about the first rake part.

13. A rake as claimed in claim 12, wherein:
the first rake part has a base with an inner side wall having a bottom and a flange
extending laterally from the bottom of the inner side wall;
the second rake part has a base with an inner side wall having a bottom edge;

said inner side walls abutting when the parts are connected together with the bottom edge of the inner side wall of the second rake part resting on the flange to form the abutment means, the bottom edge of the inner side wall of said second rake part being spaced apart from the longitudinal axis of the rake handle on the side of the rake where is located the first rake part when the parts are connected together.

14. A rake as claimed in claim 13, wherein said rake further comprises:
aligning means on the rake parts to align said rake parts longitudinally when connected together.

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~~15~~. (Amended) A rake as claimed in claim ~~2~~¹, wherein said rake further comprises:
aligning means on the rake parts to align said rake parts longitudinally when connected together.

REMARKS

The title and abstract have been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 2-15 are currently pending in this application. Claims 2 and 15 have been amended, without prejudice or admission.